



Iowa Ag News – Goats

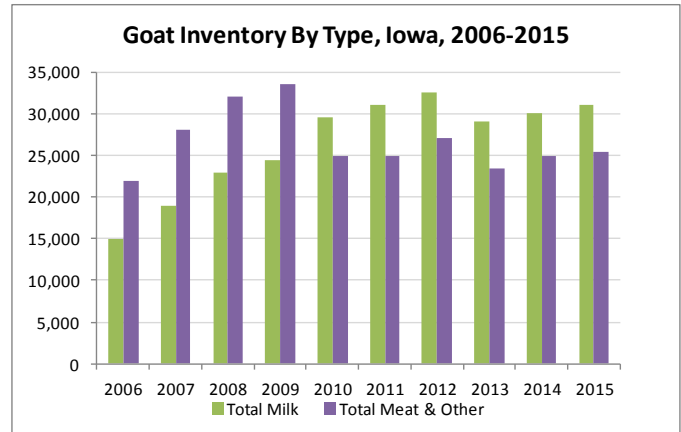
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Milk goat inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2015, at 31,000 head, was the third largest in the United States according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total milk inventory was up 3 percent from January 2014. Total **meat and other** goat inventory was 25,500 head, an increase of 2 percent from the previous year.



Goat Inventory: Selected States and United States, 2014-2015

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats		Angora Goats	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹	2014	2015 ²
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California	38,000	40,000	85,000	85,000	3,600	3,400
Iowa	30,000	31,000	25,000	25,500	(NA)	(NA)
Minnesota	13,000	13,500	23,000	20,500	1,000	(NA)
Texas	20,000	23,000	810,000	820,000	76,000	85,000
Wisconsin	46,000	44,000	22,000	(NA)	900	(NA)
Unpublished States....	9,100	32,700	3,000	179,000	19,500	24,600
United States	358,000	365,000	2,105,000	2,150,000	148,000	160,000

(NA) Not Available

¹ Beginning in 2015, Meat and Other Goats for Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total.

² Beginning in 2015, Angora Goats for Minnesota and Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total.

United States Goat and Kid Inventory

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 2.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.20 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. **Does one year old and older**, at 1.65 million head, were 3 percent above last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 471 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2014 totaled 1.71 million head for all goats, up 2 percent from 2013.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.15 million head on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from 2014. **Milk goat** inventory was 365 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014, while **Angora goats** were up 8 percent, totaling 160 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2014 was 880 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 159 thousand head. **Average weight per clip** was 5.5 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$4.85 per pound with a value of 4.27 million dollars.